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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER HK

SUBJECT:

Ground Interdiction in South Laos

Since November 21 a very successful operation by Laotian irregulars has been underway in South Laos. One group was helilifted into Ban Phone, occupied the town, took 11 prisoners, swept the area, captured small caches of enemy supplies, and is now moving west with little enemy contact to join with the other force.

The second group moved south overland from Saravane to Thateng which it took on November 25 against stiff enemy resistance. When the two groups join up, they plan to sweep the area around Thateng for enemy personnel and supplies. At last report the group at Thateng had been forced to fall back and regroup because of a heavy attack by two NVA battalions including 4-6 tanks. Further NVA counter-attacks are expected.

Losses to 9 Dec. Killed Wounded Prisoners Captured

Friendly	30	92	--
Enemy	77	19	11

Supplies/Equipment Captured

10 Trucks captured/destroyed	13 Drums gasoline
9 Tons rice	1 12.7mm AA gun
2 Tons sugar	32 Rifles
1 Ton coffee	22 lbs documents
20 Tubs lard	

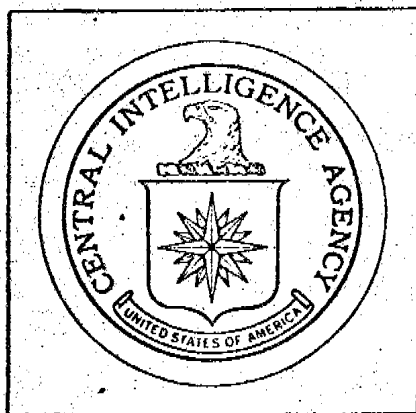
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